

## AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

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5           An assistant ceiling device designed to shield an escape hatch installed to a ceiling of an elevator cab is provided. The assistant ceiling device includes ~~comprises~~ two elongated rail guides [[10]] and a rectangular assistant ceiling plate [[20]]. Each guide [[10]] is installed at either side of the emergency escape hatch [[1,]] and has a length longer than that of the emergency escape hatch and shorter than that of the ceiling  
10 of the elevator cab. The assistant ceiling plate [[20]] is laid on the rail guides [[10]] to shield the emergency escape hatch [[1]]. Each guide [[10]] has a latching jaw [[12]] so as to allow the assistant ceiling plate [[20]] to be installed to the rail guides [[10]] by laying both ~~opposite~~ sides of the ceiling plate on the latching jaws [[12]].